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matter, the puzzle seemed quite easy of solution. Mr. Wilson is an economist. He also has a keen sense of humor (although his humor seems at times so subtle that even a Harvey could not discover its circulation). As an economist, he knew the people were fond of getting the most for their money. As a humorist, he knew how fond the people were of fun and amusement. The salary of the Secretary of the Navy is not large, and it seems plain to me that the President must have figured it out that he could furnish the people more fun and amusement for their money by appointing Mr. Daniels Secretary of the Navy, than in any other way.

E. A. BENSON.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

A LADY UNANSWERED

SIR,—I regret to inform you that your periodical is no longer a representative American magazine.

The sympathies of this country, at first pro-British, have become pro-German. A party of friends returning from the San Francisco Exposition and a tour through the West advise me that everywhere they found nothing but German sympathy. A gentleman from Boston advises me that, while New England was strongly for the English at the beginning of the war, its sympathy has veered strongly to Germany. A newspaper man from Chicago, who gets around a good deal, told an acquaintance that several months ago the *Literary Digest* had polled the country on this subject and gotten a majority of the straw votes for the English, but that if this poll were to be repeated to-day it would show the opposite results.

I myself no longer find any one, practically speaking, in favor of the Allies except those born in England or its colonies.

Is it possible you have been misled by some New York papers that are English owned? Is it possible that you have, in this case, failed to analyze the public pulse correctly? Would the REVIEW itself care to take a poll on this matter? It is of importance to such a periodical. Only last night a lady picked up a recent copy of your magazine, read a few words, and threw it down saying, "Why, I won't read that. He's for the English!" She was not German either, but American born, half English, half German. Please answer in your valued review.

H. P. MEESE.

SWISSVALE, PA.

[Why should we make answer to a lady who refuses to read what we say?
—EDITOR.]

MAC VEAGH'S "WONDERFUL ANALYSIS"

SIR,—Last week I took the July REVIEW with me on the trip from Chicago to Mackinac Island via Green Bay.

The first article I read—after the masterly editorial on Bryan, of course—was the remarkable contribution by Wayne Mac Veagh. Some passengers overheard me reading it and stopped to listen to the very end. They passed the word around and before we reached our destination every passenger on the ship had either read or heard read the wonderful analysis of the situation.

Since returning home it occurs to me that I ought to give my readers the same pleasure and satisfaction I received from the repeated perusal of the article, and I therefore write to enquire if you would kindly give me permission to reproduce the contribution in the *Michigan Tradesman*, with full credit and, in addition, editorial commendation and acknowledgment?

E. A. STOWE,

Editor, *Michigan Tradesman*.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

A CONSTANT FRIEND

SIR,—I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst., notifying me of the expiration of my subscription to your most excellent magazine. I have renewed the subscription through a local agency.

I have read your magazine more or less for many years, and greatly to my satisfaction; and, in fact, have on file in my library many special numbers reaching back for thirty years or more. In justice to Mr. Harvey's keen insight in touching the right chords of harmony and logic on any question which he discusses, I am moved to say that for the last two years the REVIEW filled a want in my literary reading which no other magazine, foreign or domestic, can supply.

J. M. COMSTOCK.

SPOKANE, WASH.

GERMANY AND THE BLACK HAND

SIR,—Having read with deep interest your article, in the May issue of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, in reply to Colonel Roosevelt's statements in the *Metropolitan*, I desire to take the opportunity of inquiring whether or not, in your opinion, Germany—having duly warned the country through the German embassy at Washington of their intentions to torpedo the *Lusitania* and other transatlantic liners,—acted within the rules of naval warfare prescribed by the Hague Conventions?

W. WARD SMITH.

NEW YORK CITY.

[Assuredly not. If the German warning can be held to have justified assassination, so can a Black Hand notification.

—EDITOR.]

COMMENDATION FROM MICHIGAN

SIR,—I published some comment on your article on Bryan, and have so many requests from subscribers that I ask your permission to publish it complete in the *Gazette*, giving proper credit to you and to THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.

Personally, I enjoyed it, every word of it, and I am sure that my enjoyment was not founded entirely upon an opinion of Bryan relatively similar to yours, but rather upon the complete and thorough manner in which you handled him.

I believe your article should be made a part of high-school work—first, for the class in English composition, and second, for the oratorical opportunity it offers.

HOMER A. GUCK,

Vice-president and Editor, The *Mining Gazette* Co.

HOUGHTON, MICH.